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MMTA President's Letter

I love cats!

Since I moved out of my parents' house decades ago, I've always had at least one cat. At the height of COVID however we had 9 cats in our house – yikes! One of my daughters had heard about a litter of cats living in a park, abandoned by their mother. Because I had been watching live feeds of rescue cats since COVID started, I was sure I knew exactly what to do! My daughter and I went to the park early enough on a Monday morning that it was still dark. We wanted to make sure to get there before they were expecting their daily food. And then it started to rain...of course! Without too much trouble, we caught three of the four kittens but the fourth one was proving difficult to catch. He was incredibly skittish! After an excruciatingly long time, we finally trapped him using food as a lure.

Over the next months these four kittens lived in our finished basement; we got to see the development of dorky adolescence turn into beautiful young adulthood. It was such a wonderful experience! Currently, though my plan was to find homes for the kittens, we fell in love. Two of these kittens now live with my son in Savannah, Georgia (Winston and Jarvis), the female (Clover) lives in Minneapolis with my older daughter and the fourth one, the most skittish, Dexter, lives with my youngest daughter who is still at home. And Dexter has developed into a warm, cuddly, personable and incredibly vocal cat. It is a joy to see the development at every stage even if some stages were more frustrating than others.

And of course, now you can see where I'm going with this story... Our students come to us unformed in a variety of ways and they depend on us to help them grow. We foster growth with our words, our actions, our skill and our kindness. And every single bit of our investment helps this child become more: more disciplined, more motivated, more knowledgeable, and more confident.

May your new teaching year be MORE: more fun, more challenging and more amazing!!

Camille Buddecke, NCTM

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MMTA President





Piano Contest/Piano Solo Festival Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 1st!

Here are a few hints to keep the registration process efficient for both teachers and administrators:

1. Limit **time requests** and keep time request notes short.
2. **Carpool requests** need only student name(s) and level(s) in the Carpools box.
3. **Special Needs** box is for students with learning challenges or disabilities a Site Administrator needs to be aware of.
4. Contact a Site Administrator to ask what **volunteer opportunities** are available.
5. **Double-check** information with students/parents before submitting registrations, especially theory requirements.

Members are encouraged to register online; but paper forms are available if needed. Check on the contest event pages on the MMTA website; or contact the [MMTA Office](#).

2023 MMTA Piano Contest/Piano Solo Festival Materials List – Updates

Please take note of the following updates to the current year's Materials List. Teachers are responsible for making sure these updates are communicated to the student. Updates made to the original printed version are indicated in red type.

Intermediate B

- Chopin Waltz in Bm: Encore edition preferred. **Take Repeat** and **da capo**. (When playing the *da capo*, **omit the 1st ending**.) Do not use an edition that contains double 3rds starting in m. 82.

2022-2023 Handbook Updates

Piano, Theory, and Popular Styles Exams

- Pages 29, 31, 32: SC Willmar date should be **April 29th**. Registration deadline is **March 26th**.

Voice & Instrumental Contests & Festival

- Pages 33, 35, and 37: Date should be March **11**
- Pages 33, 35, and 37: Information about the Finalé Concert should say: **First place winners** in each age group and in each category (voice, guitar, organ, strings, woodwinds) will perform their solo in the concert. Each category of performers will **perform in their instrument-specific ensemble**.
- Page 36: Voice Solo Festival **repertoire may be from any genre**.

Voice & Instrumental Exams

- Page 40: C St. Cloud Guitar Exams have changed from April 1st to **November 5th**. Registration deadline **October 2nd**.
- Page 40: A Virtual Strings Exam date has been added on April 15th. Registration deadline is March 12th.

Ensemble Festival

- Page 44: C St. Cloud Ensemble Festival will be held **November 19th at St. Cloud State University**. **Susan Janey** will be Site Administrator. Registration deadline is **October 16th**.
- Page 44: 11/20/2022 TCEP The site is **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie**
- Page 44: NW Bemidji Ensemble Festival will be held February 4th. Carolyn Towler will be the Site Administrator. Registration Deadline is December 18th.

Music Bridges

- Page 46: SC Willmar date should be **April 29th**. Registration deadline is **March 26th**.

Personnel

- Page 50: NE Piano Contest Site Administrator, Liz Raihala, has a new phone number.
- Page 51: Online Theory Exam Committee Chair should be **Marilyn Henry**
- Page 52: Woodwind Co-Directors are **Katie Johnson** and **Melanie Hoffman-Katragadda**
- Page 52: Northwest Bemidji Site Administrator is Carolyn Towler (no r in her name)

Local Associations**Kay Hawkins, NCTM, Chair****Alexandria Area Music Teachers Association**

- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2:00 p.m. – “Prepare, Pace, Perform: Timelines and Tips for Piano Exam Preparation” with presenters Becky Nelson and Marcia Benson. Shalom Lutheran Church, Alexandria.

Bemidji Area Music Teachers Association

- Friday, Oct. 28, 10:00 a.m. – “MMTA Contest Pieces”. First Lutheran Church Music Room.
- Friday, Nov. 18, 10:00 a.m. – “Sightplaying”. First Lutheran Church Music Room.
- Friday, Dec. 9, 10:00 a.m. – TBA. First Lutheran Church Music Room.

Central Minnesota Music Teachers Association

- Friday, Oct. 7 (8:45 a.m. Social Time, 9:00 Business Meeting) 9:30-10:30 – “Duet Day” with presenter Katie Johnson. Home of Ann Jansen, 3130 Crescent Ridge Trail, St. Cloud.
- Friday, Nov. 4 (8:45 Social Time, 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting) 9:30-10:30 – “Eurhythmics” with presenter Marcelyn Smale. First Presbyterian Church, 340 5th Ave S, St. Cloud.
- Friday, Dec. 2, 11:00-12:30 - Christmas Potluck. Home of Ginny Shimota, 16 N. 5th Ave, Waite Park.

Minneapolis Music Teachers Forum and St. Paul Piano Teachers Association

(SPPTA and MMTF are combining their monthly meetings. MMTF will be hosting in- person/hybrid meetings and SPPTA will host Virtual-only meetings during the winter months.)

- Thursday, Oct. 6, 10:30-12:00 – Zoom meeting. TBA.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10:30-12:00 – Autumn Tea. Visitor Center Classroom at Silverwood Park, 2472 County Road E, St. Anthony, MN 55421.
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10:15-12:00 – Zoom meeting. TBA.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:15-12:00 – Zoom meeting. TBA.

Minnesota River Valley Music Teachers Association

- Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. – “Let the Adventure Begin: Preparing Students for Piano Exams Pre-Prep through Level 6” with presenter Maria Grant. Schmitt Music, 7800 Picture Dr, Bloomington.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Holiday Party. TBA

Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association

- Friday, Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting and program TBA. Emy Frentz Arts Guild, Mankato.

South Suburban Music Teachers Association

- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10:00-12:00 – Festival Music. Zoom meeting.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Holiday Social. Suzie’s Kitchen, Rosemount.

Rochester Area Music Teachers Association

- Thursday, Oct. 13, 9:00 a.m. – Composition with presenter Janice Jurgenson. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester.
- Thursday, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. – MMTA Popular Styles Program with presenter Doug Rohde. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester.

West Suburban Music Teachers Association

- Friday, Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. Social Time, 10:00 Business Meeting, 10:30-11:30 “Live Performance & Teaching Strategies from a Selection of Intermediate Repertoire” with presenter Dr. Edward Turley. St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, 15600 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth.
- Friday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. Social Time, 10:00 Business Meeting, 10:30 Ignite-style Member Presentations and Holiday Luncheon. St. Barnabas Lutheran Church.

Willmar Music Teachers Association

- Saturday, Oct. 15, 9:30 a.m. – Discussion. Zoom meeting.



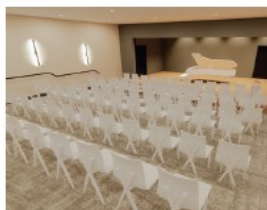
Introducing

Your New Music Headquarters



We're building a BIGGER, BETTER Schmitt Music in Bloomington, MN!

We are excited to announce our new flagship store location in Bloomington, MN, opening Fall 2022! Twice the size of our current headquarters, the new space features larger instrument specialty shops, a Steinway & Sons gallery, and a 100-seat concert hall performance space. Take a virtual tour, and share what you are most excited to see!



We can't wait to share our new space with you in 2022!

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Besides the festival choir, participants choose a track: band, piano, string orchestra, men's chorus, or ladies' chorus/tone chimes.



2023 MMTA Convention Call for Proposals

The convention committee is already hard at work making plans for the 2023 MMTA Convention scheduled for June 11-13, 2023. We are looking forward to gathering in-person; we hope you are as well. One of the first things we do as a committee is ask the membership to submit proposals for presenters and workshops that you would like to see be part of the convention. If you, or if you know someone, who has a topic or area of expertise that you feel would be beneficial to our membership, please consider submitting a proposal.

[Proposal submissions](#) are due no later than December 15th. The selection committee will meet in January at which time submissions will be reviewed and chosen to be a part of the convention.





MusicLink News

Sue Wege, State Chair

The MusicLink Foundation continues to celebrate its 30th Anniversary of bringing music lessons and opportunities to promising children in need. It has set a lofty goal of reaching 8,000 students by the end of 2022. If you are reducing your normal lesson fee by at least 50% for a student whose family is struggling financially, please register them with MusicLink so they can receive additional benefits and you can as well. Please spread the word to colleagues or potential parents so we can continue to grow the program in Minnesota.

MusicLink Foundation Senior Award of Excellence

Samuel Norton, student of Sylvia Lange, was awarded the 2022 MusicLink Senior Award of Excellence. He began music classes at the age of 3, piano lessons at age 5 and began violin lessons soon after that. Throughout the years, Samuel has performed in the State Honors Contest, Minnesota Music Teachers Forum Recitals, several duets at the MMTA Ensemble Festival and will be playing Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique at the Senior Honors Recital this summer.

He continues to advance his musical knowledge and skills through the completion of MMTA Theory and Piano Syllabus Exams. Read Samuel's full bio in the latest MusicLink Foundation newsletter.



Piano Donations

The Minnesota MusicLink program was pleased to oversee the placement of two pianos into the homes of MusicLink students this summer. One of these pianos was a baby grand delivered with the help of Schmitt Music to a family in Browerville. Rebecca Nelson's three dedicated students are the excited recipients of this generous donation.

MusicLink Grass Roots Grant

The \$300 MusicLink Grass Roots Grant has been raised to \$500. This grant is available to local associations, music studios etc. to be used to begin a new MusicLink program or expand an existing one.

Click [HERE](#) for a form.

MusicLink Playathon

Mark your calendar for the 2023 MusicLink Playathon. It will take place in the Southeast Court of the Mall of America on the weekend of February 18-19, 2023. Plan now to enter your students in this exciting event!

Questions about MusicLink? Contact Sue Wege swege71@comcast.net 651-458-0143

You could make all the difference in the life of a budding musician!

MMTA CHALLENGE AWARD TROPHIES

Deadline for ordering trophies for students who have earned them is: **November 15th.**

- Go to www.mnmusicteachers.com/products.
- Locate the correct trophy, then complete the [Customization Form](#).
- Add the trophy/trophies to the cart.
- Complete the check-out process. The MMTA Office will notify you when trophies come in.

See 2022-2023 Handbook for more information. The next trophy order deadline is March 20th.



Have you considered expanding your network and honing your skills by volunteering with MMTA? Visit www.mnmusicteachers.com/volunteer to view opportunities and sign up.

Members are "invited to volunteer". It truly is an invitation - an invitation to lend your expertise while working with others to ensure MMTA has a bright future. Whether the volunteering happens on the day of an event, or as part of a group, MMTA needs volunteers to make all of the things we do as an organization possible.

Theory Thursdays

Rebekah Richards, NCTM - Theory Exam Development Committee Chair

Theory Thursdays resumed on September 29th with a 10 week look at the 2nd edition of Workbook 5. Come and learn what's new in this updated Workbook. Please note that **class time has changed to 10:00am**. Classes will continue to be 20 minutes long, via Zoom. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Rebekah Richards at richardspiano@gmail.com (if you were on the list last year, you will automatically be on it again this year.)

- October 6: Intervals – Writing and Listening for major, minor, perfect, diminished and augmented intervals. Presenter: Jim Chenevert
- October 13: Triads within a key and chord inversions. Presenter: Rebekah Richards
- October 27: Aural Skill - Identifying chord quality and inversion. Presenter: Rebekah Richards
- November 3: 3-Part Voice Leading. Presenter: Sarah Miller
- November 10: The $\frac{6}{4}$ Chord: Cadential $\frac{6}{4}$, Neighbor Chord and Passing Chord. Presenter: Jim Chenevert
- November 17: VI and III chords - how to recognize them in the score, understand their function and learn to identify them by sound. Presenter: TBD
- December 1: Harmonic Dictation - How to help students hear chord functions. Presenter: TBD
- December 8: Analysis - A look at Level 5 forms (binary, ternary, rounded binary) and global versus local keys. Presenter: TBD
- December 15: Keyboard Skills - A demonstration of Level 5 skills and ideas on how to teach them. Presenter: TBD



In Memoriam



Pat (Patricia) Langer passed away unexpectedly at the age of 80 on July 18, 2022. Pat had been a piano teacher for more than 55 years, and had been a member of MMTA since 1970. She was passionate about the MMTA Piano Contest, planning and hosting workshops which showcased the Piano Contest music for a given year, and the Honors Concert. Pat also could be found at the Piano Young Artist Contest, serving as a timer for student performances.

Pat entered countless students in MMTA programs, and worked tirelessly to help her students succeed. Her passion for music was one of the reasons she was inducted into the Steinway Hall of Fame. MMTA thanks her for her dedication and steadfastness.



Suzanne M. Brascugli, age 78 and a long-time resident of St. Cloud, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2022.

Suzanne earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Knox College, then taught music at the Elementary School level.

"Suzanne treasured her students, colleagues, and the many opportunities afforded by...MTNA and the local organizations she participated in. Her students were inspired by her creative approach to varied literature, and successfully competed in MMTA Contest, piano and theory exams, Ensemble Festiv[al], and Piano Guild, which she chaired for many years."

-shared from The Cremation Society of Minnesota obituaries

Independent Music Teachers Forum - How Can You Grow as a Teacher This Year?

Jenna Huntoon, Chair



Fall is such an energizing time of year. Parents and students excitedly prepare with new school supplies, looking forward to the school year ahead and the possibilities that are to come. As an independent music teacher, I thrive on that energy as I prepare my studio for the new school year. Not only do I work with my students to set goals in the fall, but it is the perfect time to set professional goals as well. How can you grow as a teacher this year?

At the studio level, perhaps you can add, or expand on your teaching of composing or music history, explore repertoire that is new to you, add quarterly group lessons or a studio wide challenge to inspire your students. Maybe you are ready to put students into an area event that you've never tried before, or increase the number of students that you have in events. Yes, these things take time and planning, but there are many resources available to help, including your fellow teachers!

There are many opportunities to get involved at the local level. Try volunteering for an event you've never been involved in before, serve on your local association board, or become involved in other local music events or groups outside of MMTA to meet other music-minded people. Be an advocate for music in your community. Trying something new is a great way to grow professionally. You will likely meet new people and expand your relationships with colleagues you already know.

At the state level, volunteers are always needed and appreciated! Perhaps you can volunteer some time at the MMTA office. Learning what goes on "behind the scenes" gives you a unique perspective. Getting hands-on experience with various MMTA events is such a great way to learn about the events, improve your teaching, and meet new colleagues. Those connections are especially important for independent music teachers who spend a lot of time alone professionally.

MTNA offers amazing webinars: you can learn from and connect with other teachers around the country without leaving your house! Or, if you are ready to get out of the house, the national conference is scheduled in Reno, Nevada, March 25 - 29, 2023.

The new school year is a great time for setting new goals and challenging yourself to be an even better teacher. In return you will benefit by being rejuvenated, expanding your knowledge, making connections with new colleagues, and growing as a teacher. I would love to hear what goals you set for yourself and your studio!

Schmitt Music Warehouse—New Location Coming Soon!

Greetings to all of my MMTA friends!!

Most of you probably already know that we have BIG NEWS here at Schmitt Music! After over 45 years, we are closing our entire Brooklyn Center warehouse and showrooms, and expanding into a newer and much bigger space in Bloomington. We're going from 50,000 square feet to over 75,000, between the warehouse and retail area! We've sold the Brooklyn Center facility, and purchased the old "Life Touch" building, located at I-494 & Highway 100. (We don't have an exact address yet, as the street is being re-named and we aren't sure of the name.)

As I type this, the "new" building is being built out into a new and absolutely beautiful store! It will have wonderful printed music shopping area, instrument specialty shops, a lovely Steinway Selection room, and a large and beautiful piano & keyboard display area. Something I am particularly excited to tell you about is a gorgeous new state-of-the-art auditorium/performance space !! It will have a huge stage and tiered seating for 85-100 people. I can't WAIT to show it to you!

We are looking forward to opening in November, 2022. I'll keep you posted.....

Sue Freeman Dopp

MMTA President 2003-2005

Piano Exam Awards**2021-2022****Level 4**

Berger, Noah	Fishman, Eleonora
Bhandari, Sara	Burda, Amanda
Blom, Aiden	Wesbrook, Sharon
Blommel, Isaac	Krause, Heather
Boehme, Tristan	Gilles, Megan
Cha, Emily	Filler-Schlomer, Lillia
Escher, Annabel	Goetz, Mary
Escher, Ethan	Goetz, Mary
Herrmann, Evan	Davis, Imogen
Hu, Jacob	Qiu, Lin
Husain, Ava	Plourde, Helen-Marie
Johnson, Emily	Hawkins, Kay
Johnson, Isabelle	Langer, Pat
Kao, Hannah	Low, Philip
Kazemi, Artina	Brinkworth, SherrieBelle
Knott, Maria	Sather, Candace
Krause, Colette	Krause, Heather
Kung, Tiffany	Nuguid, Rosanna
Li, Victoria	Langer, Pat
Liu, Sophia	Thaler, Natalie
McGreevy, Adelaide	Millner, Mary Beth
Moua, Andrew	VanderZanden, Basia
Negi, Siddhi	Fishman, Eleonora
Nuttelman, Alexandra	Millner, Mary Beth
Peters, Olivia	Henry, Marilyn
Qiu, Amelya	Nuguid, Rosanna
Robbins, Frank William	Shapiro, Diana
Schulz, Berit	Fitzpatrick, Jake
Shad, Clara	Shimota, Virginia
Shimota, Keira	Cornelius, Natalia
Smolensky, Weston	West, Lacey
Snethil, Deeksha	Volkov, Yulia
Sutton, Ashley	Simonson, Jeannene
Torborg, Teddy	Huntoon, Jenna
Trinidad, Dylan	Nuguid, Rosanna
Trumble, Truman	Karelse, Elizabeth
Tsai, Ernest	Fitzpatrick, Jake
Valioukevitch, Lisa	Hankey, Tatiana
Wang, Cathy	Hankey, Tatiana
Weldon, Cecelia	Shimota, Virginia
Zhong, Sarah	Krinke, Jean

Level 5

Andrev, Emma	Volkov, Yulia
Brooks, Jacob	Thaler, Natalie
Buxton, Elizabeth	Van Dorn, Frances
Deep, Rohan	Fishman, Eleonora
Escher, Ethan	Goetz, Mary
Gergen, Noah	Sather, Candace
Ghosh, Aman	Grimes, Sonja
He, Emma	Fishman, Eleonora
Huang, Cheston	Fishman, Eleonora
Johnson, Max	Kopitske, Grace
Kapoor, Isha	Brinkworth, SherrieBelle
Kazemi, Armita	Brinkworth, SherrieBelle
Klingler, Alison	Park, Tina
Kodali, Bhavya	Kopitske, Grace
Kuleshov, Mariana	Fishman, Eleonora
Law, Richard	Lange, Kim
Lin, Isabella	Krinke, Jean
McKeen, Elena	Hawkins, Kay
Mohror, Phoebe	Richards, Rebekah
Nikonova, Darya	Fishman, Eleonora
Niu, Winnie	Hankey, Tatiana
Severtson, Lauren	Severtson, David
Tamilarasu, Sakthi	DeGlia, Char
Trinidad, Liam	Fishman, Eleonora
Wang, Chloe	Lungwitz, Lisa
Yang, Yue	Yao, Ying
Zhai, Jennifer	Lo, Jackie
Zhang, Allison	Filler-Schlomer, Lillia
Zhang, Elma	Nuguid, Rosanna
Zheng, Alex	Langer, Pat
Zhou, Michael	Thaler, Natalie
Zhu, Elizabeth	Nuguid, Rosanna
Zhu, Justin	Lo, Jackie
Zuo, Isabella	Krinke, Jean

Level 6

Brooks, Jacob	Thaler, Natalie
Chow, Evie	Langer, Patricia
Ferris, Carter	Harding, Laura
Ghosh, Hridi	Grimes, Sonja
Gu, Tony	Grimes, Sonja
Li, Jane	Langer, Patricia
Lu, Bethany	Dierauer, Nancy
Miles, Keona	Lange, Kim
Morell, Madison	Mishler, Ann
Nelson, Leah	Rasmussen, Julie
Oudekerl, Owen	Bostrom, Jean

Level 6, continued

Ramanathan, Vandana	Fishman, Eleonora
Tao, Siena	Mishler, Ann
Wells, Andrew	Levitski, Elizabeth
Wenzel, Eliana	Fishman, Eleonora
Yu, Abigail	Nuguid, Rosanna
Zou, Franklin	Fitzpatrick, Jake

Level 7

Alb, Sandra	Volkov, Yulia
Andrev, Ilana	Volkov, Yulia
Berueda, Jillianne	Williamson, Kathryn
Gu, Peter	Grimes, Sonja
Hu, Kate	Fishman, Eleonora
Huang, Jessica	Grimes, Sonja
Jang, Heder	Nuguid, Rosanna
Kase, Tucker	Stiles, Karen
Li, Jane	Langer, Pat
Lin, Nickole	Wang, Zhiyu
Qiao, Selena	Thaler, Natalie
Schoenberger, Micah	Millner, Mary Beth
Shi, Yuchen	Nuguid, Rosanna
Wanger, Edward	Davidson, Fern
Wu, Maximus	Cheng, Mui
Yang, Luyao	Lange, Sylvia
Zheng, Harry	Langer, Pat
Zhou, Olivia	Fishman, Eleonora

Level 8

Bachmeier, Lauren	Fitzpatrick, Jake
Brandt, Louisa	Williamson, Kathryn
Chai, Samantha	Qiu, Lin
Chen, Claire	Thaler, Natalie
Cheng, Caden	Thaler, Natalie
Dingli, Sarah	Nuguid, Rosanna
Dunne, Clara	Richards, Rebekah
Hahn, Kylin	Turpening, Linda
Han, Fiana	Lo, Jackie
Joos, Ava	Sather, Candace
Le, Joseph	Buddecke, Camille
Lees, Cecilia	Buddecke, Camille
Ma, Melody	Lo, Jackie
Peterson, Micah	Bode, Patsy
Pham, Michelle	Fishman, Eleonora
Seifert, Anja	Plourde, Helen-Marie
Shao, Blair	Levitski, Elizabeth
Statz, Julia	Hawkins, Kay
Stowe, Bridget	Stenzel, Sandra
Taylor, Jeremy	Bryan, Marianne

Level 8, continued

Tu, Amaris	Qiu, Lin
Vo, Mimi	Lange, Kim
Von Holtum, Jenna	Knuttila, Marcia
Walexon, Andreas	Fishman, Eleonora
Wang, Julia	Nuguid, Rosanna
Wright, Violet	Krinke, Jean
Zewdie, Michael	Richter, Elizabeth
Zhao, Audrey	Qiu, Lin
Zhao, Darrel	Mishler, Ann

Level 9

Acharya, Raveena	Lungwitz, Lisa
Bai, Andrew	Hong, Jessica
Cheng, Caden	Thaler, Natalie
Ganshyn, Yegor	Frayman, Lyudmila
Gould, Levi	Mockenhaupt, Daniel
Guo, Sam	Fishman, Eleonora
Judd, Erin	Mishler, Ann
Le, Khoi	Richards, Rebekah
Mozamell, Amara	VanderZanden, Basia
Nguyen, Alison	Langford, Bea
Nguyen, Anthony	Buddecke, Camille
Ricke, Miriam	Larson, Monica
Severtson, Julia	Severtson, David
Stockinger, Evie	Millner, Mary Beth
Wang, Alexander	Qiu, Lin
Wang, Christopher	Qiu, Lin
Yang, Karen	Kontorovich, Marina
Ye, Janie	Wang-Lin, Ju-In
Ying, Curtis	Greer, Suzanne
Yu, Mandy	Nuguid, Rosanna
Zhu, Serena	Lo, Jackie

Level 10

Akhtar, Zoya	Hedman, Mark
Andrew, Nikhil	Fishman, Eleonora
Balaji, Rahul	Lo, Jackie
Banerjea, Arul	Wirth, Paul
Chen, Christopher	Spector, Tania
Chen, Leo	Low, Philip
Chen, Mabel	Low, Philip
Dama, Kruthica	Thaler, Natalie
Gong, Ian	Fishman, Eleonora
Horton, Yulia	Mishler, Ann
Juaire, Michaela	Thompson, Barbara
Li, Grace	Filler-Schlomer, Lillia
Love, Alethea	Blauw, Jody
Lu, Felix	Shaffer-Gottschalk, David
Rotz, Rachel	AbuAyed, Tami
Tu, Amaris	Qiu, Lin
Vo, Lili	Lange, Kim

Level 10, continued

Wang, Summer	Langer, Pat
Williams, Luke	Grantier, Charlotte
Yang, Thomas	Piastro, Elena
Yue, Jessica	Fishman, Eleonora
Zhang, Julia	Lange, Kim
Zhou, Calvin	Fishman, Eleonora

Level 11

Klatt, Anna	Winterfeldt, Beth
Li, Isabel	Low, Philip
Li, Minda	Krinke, Jean
Ling, Jingyi	Wang, Zhiyu
Ojard, Edward	Susi, Nick
Patri, Sreya	Fishman, Eleonora
Tong, Eunice	Li, Tzong-Huei

Level 11:Capstone

Nycamp, Daniel	Krinke, Jean
Yin, Rachel	Park, Tina

Elaine Kingsley Award

Ojard, Edward	Susi, Nicholas
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Ruth Anderson Award

Nycamp, Daniel	Krinke, Jean
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Theory Exam Awards

2021-2022

Level 5

Andrev, Ilana	Volkov, Yulia
Bartok, Aletta	Peterson, Mindy
Bitzer, Henry	Karg, Kathryn
Caine, James	Spichke, Suzette
Chen, Claire	Thaler, Natalie
Chow, Evie	Langer, Pat
Christensen, Olivia	Eppeland, Myrna
Eicher, Grace	AbuAyed, Tami
Fu, Allison	Greer, Suzanne
Fung, Annabelle	Dierauer, Nancy
Garner, Katie	Greer, Suzanne
Haugen, Monique	Grinteiner, Amy
Huang, Jessica	Grimes, Sonja
Jaynes, Annie	Spichke, Suzette
Katzman, Daniel	Caltvedt, Siri
Kenworthy, Jorja	Fadden, Mary
Kim, Maria	Ehrlich, Julia Elkina
Li, Jane	Langer, Pat
Li, Qianyi	Lo, Jackie
Lin, Catherine	Kontorovich, Marina
Lin, Richard	Frayman, Lyudmila
Ling, Jingyi	Wang, Zhiyu
Luo, Michael	Wang, Zhiyu

Level 5, continued

Ly, Darren	Koehnen, Kay
MacPherson, Audrey	Andersen, Deanna
Maloney, Greg	Andersen, Deanna
Miller, Vera	Nelson, Becky
Morris, Justine	Andersen, Deanna
Mroz, Tola	Fishman, Eleonora
Ren, Maximus	Wang, Zhiyu
Scharbach, Noah	Greer, Suzanne
Schoenberger, Micah	Millner, Mary Beth
Shi, Edward	Lo, Jackie
Smith, So-Yeon	Nuguid, Rosanna
Statz, Julia	Hawkins, Kay
Sun, James	Henry, Marilyn
Taylor, Jeremy	Bryan, Marianne
Taylor, Justin	Bryan, Marianne
Thakker, Ria	Harding, Laura
Vadrevu, Anirudh	Grantier, Charlotte
Xu, Charlene	Wang, Zhiyu
Yang, Luyao	Lange, Sylvia
Yang, Nicole	Nuguid, Horacio
Zempel, Josiah	Harris, Michelle
Zhang, Alice	Wang, Zhiyu
Zhao, Darrel	Mishler, Ann
Zheng, Emma	Frayman, Lyudmila
Zheng, Vivian	Hankey, Tatiana
Zhou, Joy	Thaler, Natalie
Zimmer, Emma	Koehen, Kay
Zimmerli, Blake	Larson, Lynee

Level 6

Abraham, Sydelle	Harding, Laura
Cao, Isabel	Lo, Jackie
Chang, Tim	Chang, Chun-Chi
Ding, Jiansong	Nuguid, Horacio
Gould, Levi	Mockenhaupt, Daniel
Hidalgo, Maya	Adams, Marlene
Le, Khoi	Richards, Rebekah
Li, Grace	Filler-Schlomer, Lillia
Liu, Brian	Fishman, Eleonora
Love, Alethea	Blauw, Jody
Luo, Leon	Lange, Kim
Nelson, Hope	Peter, Ann
Qian, Rick	Lange, Kim
Rhyner, Ben	Lo, Jackie
Thagil, Lisa	Fishman, Eleonora
Tse, Anne	Sohriakoff, Pamela
Tsiper, Vladimir	Ehrlich, Julia Elkina
Veith, Haydn	Lund, Jolene
Vo, Lili	Lange, Kim
Walexon, Andreas	Fishman, Eleonora

Level 6, continued

Yang, Karen	Kontorovich, Marina
Zhao, Kevin	Lungwitz, Lisa
Zhou, Olivia	Fishman, Eleonora

Level 7

Ernst, Nathaniel	Grantier, Charlotte
Han, Fiana	Lo, Jackie
Horton, Yulia	Mishler, Ann
Ma, Melody	Lo, Jackie
Pesch, Sylvia	Wesbrook, Sharon
Rajasekaran, Abirami	Grantier, Charlotte
Zhao, Jonah	Viscoli, David
Zhao, Raymond	Viscoli, David

Level 8

Coleman, Gabriel	Fitzpatrick, Jacob
Darang, Erin	Parker, Jennifer
Halstensen, Jorgen	Simanenkova, Larissa

Jeanette Benson Award

Ernst, Nathaniel	Grantier, Charlotte
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Gladys Markley Award

Hanstensen, Jorgen	Simanenkova, Larissa
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Violin

Li, Qianyi	Lo, Jackie
Ma, Daniel	Lo, Jackie
Zhu, Serena	Lo, Jackie
Ma, Melody	Lo, Jackie

2022 MTNA Composition Competition - State Winner List

Place	Name	Instrument	Teacher(s)
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Minnesota Elementary Composition - 1 entry

Representative	Emma Lu		Sarah Miller
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Minnesota Junior Composition - 1 entry

Representative	Kevin Chen		Sarah Miller
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Minnesota Senior Composition - 2 entries

Winner	Ashton Volkmann		Jon Naatjes
Honorable mention	Jiansong Ding		David Kassler



Welcome back! There is a place for you at the 2023 MTNA National Conference in Reno, Nevada. Mark your calendars to attend this grand, in-person reunion of the music teaching profession March 25–29, 2023.

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2021-2022 Annual Reports

Annual reports are a summary of all events and happenings within the organization over the past year. [Reports for 2021-2022](#) are available on the MMTA website in the News section. Please take a few moments to read the reports in order to be amazed at all of the great accomplishments by members and students!



MMTA Board Minutes Highlights—June 2022

- The Board voted to accept the contract with Artusi to create custom online theory exams that will match the current MMTA Theory curriculum. The membership will be informed when the exams will begin to be used. The online exams will replace part of the current virtual exams.

MMTA Board Minutes Highlights—July 2022

- The Board voted to purchase a new laptop for use by Site Administrators and other personnel for MMTA events.
- Beginning 2022-2023, the Handbook will now be online only. Members may request a paper copy but only if needed. This will be a significant savings.

MMTA Board Minutes Highlights—August 2022

- The Board approved a revised shipping fee chart that was adjusted to address the rising cost of postage.
- A limit of \$1000 was approved for the Board retreat in September.

MMTA Board Minutes Highlights—September 2022

- After Kris Olson was voted onto the Board for VP Convention, she announced that Dr. Leah Claiborne will be the 2023 MMTA Convention Keynote Speaker.
- Revisions were made to Site Administrator pay.
- President-Elect Laura Harding reported on discussions held at the Leadership Summit in Ohio at MTNA HQ. There are efforts being made to increase collegiate membership. MTNA is also moving forward by adding a VP-Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position to their Board of Directors. Discussions took place about doing the same for MMTA.
- Theory Workbook Level 6 edits are complete and new books will be available for sale mid-year (potentially January.)
- The Piano Education Council is taking a look at its function and how they can better-serve the membership.
- The Voice Syllabus is currently being revised. A conversation has started about creating a Clarinet Syllabus and exams.
- The MMTA Bookkeeper, Pat Schroedl, is retiring in January. A search is underway to fill her position, as well as find a new accounting firm.

MMTA Board Minutes Highlights—Board Retreat

- The Board met for an 8-hour day at a hotel in St. Cloud to review the status of MMTA and discuss plans for its future.
- A 4-year plan was created to address pressing needs of the organization. This includes reviewing the structure of the Board; examining our tax designation; brainstorming marketing ideas; communication within the organization; and more. The membership will be kept informed as changes are made.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Minnesota Music Teachers Association is to advance the profession of music teaching through education, certification, networking and advocacy.

MMTA Purpose

The purpose of the Minnesota Music Teachers Association is to enhance the professional status of its members, to sponsor and participate in programs for the enrichment of music education, and to encourage music performance and creativity. All members are committed to the highest standards of music teaching and are dedicated to upholding and improving the standards of all music education in Minnesota.

Statement of Function

The function of the MMTA Newsletter is to reflect the Purpose of MMTA, to serve as a vehicle of communication to the membership, to inform the membership of events and ideas; to report musical activity in the state and to stimulate and encourage active interest, participation and support for the MMTA as it maintains a role of leadership in the State of Minnesota.

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Dr. Claiborne received her undergraduate degree from Manhattan School of Music where she received the Josephine Whitmore graduation award. This award was given to a graduating senior "whose personal qualities enriches the spirit of the school and community at large." She received her Masters of Music and Doctorate of Musical Arts degree at the University of Michigan.

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